



Attorney Docket # 3401-125

3731  
344  
PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Mark FREIER et al.  
Serial No.: 10/002,523  
Filed: November 2, 2001  
For: Endoscopic Sample Taker for Cartilage Material

Examiner: Thaler, Michael H.  
Group Art: 3731

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

June 17, 2004

(Date of Deposit)

Alfred W. Froebich

Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

Signature

June 17, 2004

Date of Signature

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of February 17, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 in payment of the government fee for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

In response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.